Slaying Of Oswald Draws Mixture Of Revulsion, Approval In Ansonia

ANSONIA — Reaction in downtown Ansonia Sunday to the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald ranged from wholehearted support to revulsion.

Sunday afternoon are normally quiet in Ansonia. Yesterday it was even more so as most organizational activities save church services were called off out of respect for President Kennedy.

The few persons on the downtown streets commented freely on the Oswald shooting.

"The crumb deserved it," commented a motorist as he forcefully slammed the hood of his disabled car.

A lawyer deplored the act. "Naturally feelings run high after such a deplorable incident (the assassination), but even a person like Oswald is entitled to the protection of the system he apparently wanted to destroy. In addition to violating the principles of American justice, which Mr. Kennedy held dear, Harvey's death may have deprived authorities of valuable information . . ."

"The Dallas cops really blew this one," offered a policeman. "The advance announcement that Harvey was to be moved to another lockup was an invitation for anybody to take a whack at him . . ."

A woman picking up a prescription at a drug store remarked "this made it too easy for Oswald. He should have been made to suffer for his terrible act . . ."

A high school student said he wasn't aware of Oswald's death until told by a reporter, and added "Good—he got what was coming to him."

Several individuals, none of whom expressed any doubt about Oswald's guilt, said they were shocked by the news, but indicated the law should have been allowed to take its course.

A young mother wheeling a carriage held this view. "He should have been allowed to stand trial. It would have taken some time and given Oswald a chance to realize the extent of his act."

"Oswald's murder only makes a bad situation worse," commented a truck driver." The assassination of a President was bad enough . . . allowing another murder to happen in the middle of an army of police makes this country look silly . . ."

"It took real guts for that guy to shoot Oswald. They oughtta give him a medal instead of putting him in jail," was the comment of a middle-aged man who is a familiar figure in police stations.